

# DVLA Day Nursery

25<sup>th</sup> March 2019



## *Spring Newsletter*

Welcome to our latest newsletter, the first this year. We hope this will keep you updated with news and information from the DVLA nursery.

## *Nursery Life*

We are still currently working hard to achieve our Quality Counts award. Quality counts was developed in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and is based on academic research of best practice. Achieving this award confirms that we provide the highest quality experience for children.

## *Staff News*

Many congratulations to Katy who welcomed a new baby girl Lucy. Also Megan who welcomed a new baby boy Teddy into their families. Both Mums and babies are doing well.

We are also pleased to announce there will be two other additions to the DVLA baby family this summer. Congratulations go to Lucy (Toddler Room Supervisor) and Rebecca (Toddler Team).

I am delighted to announce our new members of staff: Rachel (Toddler Room Supervisor), Elin (Preschool Team), Caitlin (Toddler Team), Nadine (Tweenie Team) and Maria (Toddler Team).

Unfortunately, Lucy (Preschool Team) and Katy (School Runner) will be leaving us to embark on new adventures. We wish them the best of luck!



## *Important Dates*

Parent's Evening – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

CLOSED due to Bank Holidays  
– 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April/ 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May

Easter Playscheme –  
15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April

Whitsun Playscheme –  
28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

A polite reminder to parents to make sure your child doesn't bring any foods into the nursery since there are numerous children suffering from severe allergies attending. Thank you





# Messages from our teams

## *Catrin and the Baby team....*

Babies will be starting a new topic at the beginning of April, we will be discovering all things associated with spring, such as animals, colours and stories.

We will be reading the book 'guess how much, I love you' in the spring.

We will also be celebrating Easter and doing lots of different crafts for the children to take home.

**We will be celebrating Baby Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.**

## *Chelsea and the Tweenie team....*

For the next couple of weeks, the Tweenies are going to be following the theme 'under the sea.'

We will be reading the story 'Rainbow Fish' and doing lots of fun activities including water play and making our rainbow fish.

We will be learning about all the different sea animals and creatures.

## *Lucy, Rachel and the Rising 2's/Toddler team....*

Over the previous weeks, the Toddler children have enjoyed learning about all the different people who help us. They painted fires on the outdoor floors and used water bottles to put them out, made their own police badges and role played – doctors and firefighters.

We are happy to welcome Rachel to our team as Room Supervisor alongside Lucy until she goes off onto maternity leave. Rachel brings with her knowledge and experience from a teaching background.

## *Sara and the Preschool team....*

Preschool have been celebrating the rugby 6 nations exploring textures, tastes and culture. We also played hide and seek with Nessie, made onion patterns and created our own pizzas.

We had an idea at circle time where the Preschool children have chosen to explore and learn about All creatures big and small.

We would like you all to check at home to see if you have any of the items on our wish list. Please see below:

### **Wish List**

- Animal print materials
- Recycling e.g. yoghurt pots
- Saucepans and lids
- Kitchen utensils e.g. large spoons, ladle, fish slice

## **Parent's Evening**

With our parent's evening fast approaching. The nursery staff are excited to share with you all your child's special moments in nursery. Our parent's evening is a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child's keyworker and talk about their development. We will also have various activities set out, along with resources and a how to do list. Parent's evening will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 5.30-7pm, no appointments needed. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Saint David's Day Dydd Gwyl Dewi



Saint David's Day is the feast day of Saint David, the patron saint of Wales. All staff and children celebrated Saint David's Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March. They had a fantastic time taking part in themed activities and tasting welsh cakes and bara brith! Yum Yum



## Welsh Government Childcare Offer

The Childcare Offer for Wales is a Welsh Government initiative and will provide eligible working parents with 30 hours' childcare for 3-4-year old's only.

For further information please visit: <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/childcareoffer>



Playdough is a classic childhood toy everyone can have fun with, and it's so easy to make at home:

**Basic ingredient ratios:**

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups warm water
- 1 cup salt
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 Tablespoon cream of tartar (optional for improved elasticity)
- food colouring (optional)
- scented oils (optional)

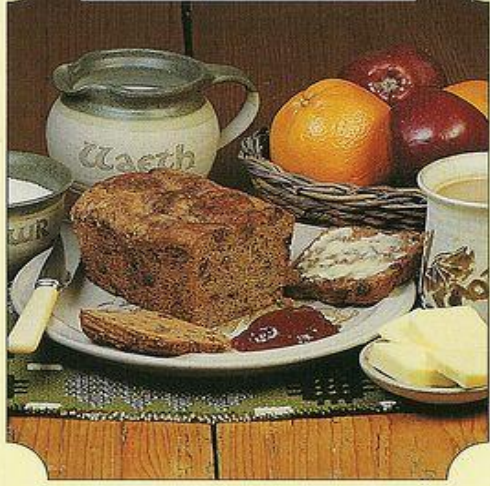
Mix all of the ingredients together and stir over a low heat. The dough will begin to thicken until it resembles mashed potatoes. When the dough pulls away from the sides and clumps in the center, remove the pan from heat and allow the dough to cool enough to handle.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** if your playdough is still sticky, you simply need to cook it longer!

knead vigorously until it becomes silky-smooth/ add colouring or scent!

Store in an air tight container.

## Bara Brith



**A Welsh Recipe**

**Currant or Speckled Bread (Bara Brith)**

- 1 lb Wheatmeal Flour
- 1 teaspoon Yeast
- 4 oz Brown Molasses Sugar
- 4 oz Butter melted in 1/4 pt milk
- 3 oz Seedless Raisins / Sultanas
- 3 oz Currants
- 1 oz Candied Peel
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon mixed Spice

Cream the Yeast with some of the Milk and add to the Flour and Salt. Work into a Dough with the Milk – leave to rise until doubled in bulk (1 hour)

Add Sugar, Spices, Fruit and mix well. Place in a buttered loaf tin and leave to rise (45 mins)

Bake in hot oven 20-30 mins. Glaze with Sugar syrup when cool.

Best eaten in thin slices with plenty of butter

# SPRING BUCKET LIST FOR KIDS

FREE AND FUN ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH  
THE KIDS THIS SPRING



Collect rocks and paint them



Go on a nature scavenger hunt

Attend the weekly story times at a nearby library

Go on a bike ride together

Fly a kite

Enjoy some rainy day fun

Enjoy a picnic in the park

Create a spring sensory bin

Take a family photo shoot

Take advantage of the free admission days at museums and zoos

Enjoy story time outside

Plant some plants with your kids and watch them grow

Plan an outdoor playdate

Feed the ducks

